

# Some Orthogonal Polynomials in Four Variables<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract.** The symmetric group on 4 letters has the reflection group  $D_3$  as an isomorphic image. This fact follows from the coincidence of the root systems  $A_3$  and  $D_3$ . The isomorphism is used to construct an orthogonal basis of polynomials of 4 variables with 2 parameters. There is an associated quantum Calogero–Sutherland model of 4 identical particles on the line.

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## 1 Introduction

The symmetric group on  $N$  letters acts naturally on  $\mathbb{R}^N$  (for  $N = 2, 3, \dots$ ) but not irreducibly, because the vector  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  is fixed. However the important basis consisting of nonsymmetric Jack polynomials is defined for  $N$  variables and does not behave well under restriction to the orthogonal complement of  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ , in general. In this paper we consider the one exception to this situation, occurring when  $N = 4$ . In this case there is a coordinate system, essentially the  $4 \times 4$  Hadamard matrix, which allows a different basis of polynomials, derived from the type- $B$  nonsymmetric Jack polynomials for the subgroup  $D_3$  of the octahedral group  $B_3$ . We will construct an orthogonal basis for the  $L^2$ -space of the measure

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} |x_i - x_j|^{2\kappa} |x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4|^{2\kappa'} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i^2\right) dx$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , with  $\kappa, \kappa' > 0$ .

We will use the following notations:  $\mathbb{N}_0$  denotes the set of nonnegative integers;  $\mathbb{N}_0^N$  is the set of compositions (or multi-indices), if  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  then  $|\alpha| := \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$  and the length of  $\alpha$  is  $\ell(\alpha) := \max\{i : \alpha_i > 0\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{N}_0^{N,+}$  denote the subset of partitions, that is,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  and  $\lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i < N$ . For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  let  $x^\alpha = \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{\alpha_i}$ , a monomial of degree  $|\alpha|$ ; the space of polynomials is  $\mathcal{P} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{x^\alpha : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N\}$ . For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$  the inner product is  $\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i$ , and  $|x| := \langle x, x \rangle^{1/2}$ ; also  $x^\perp := \{y : \langle x, y \rangle = 0\}$ . The cardinality of a set  $E$  is denoted by  $\#E$ .

Consider the elements of  $S_N$  as permutations on  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $w \in S_N$  let  $(xw)_i := x_{w(i)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$  and extend this action to polynomials by  $(wf)(x) = f(xw)$ . Monomials transform to monomials:  $w(x^\alpha) := x^{w\alpha}$  where  $(w\alpha)_i := \alpha_{w^{-1}(i)}$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ . (Consider  $x$  as a row vector,  $\alpha$  as a column vector, and  $w$  as a permutation matrix, with 1's at the

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( $w(j), j$ ) entries.) For  $1 \leq i \leq N$  and  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  the Dunkl operators are

$$\mathcal{D}_i f(x) := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) + \kappa \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{f(x) - f(x(i, j))}{x_i - x_j},$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_i f(x) := \mathcal{D}_i(x_i f(x)) - \kappa \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (j, i) f(x).$$

Then  $\mathcal{U}_i \mathcal{U}_j = \mathcal{U}_j \mathcal{U}_i$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq N$  and these operators are self-adjoint for the following pairing

$$\langle f, g \rangle_\kappa := f(\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_N) g(x) |_{x=0}.$$

This satisfies  $\langle f, g \rangle_\kappa = \langle g, f \rangle_\kappa = \langle wf, wg \rangle_\kappa$  for  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $w \in \mathcal{S}_N$ ; furthermore  $\langle f, f \rangle_\kappa > 0$  when  $f \neq 0$  and  $\kappa \geq 0$ . The operators  $\mathcal{U}_i$  have the very useful property of acting as triangular matrices on the monomial basis furnished with a certain partial order. However the good properties depend completely on the use of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  even though the group  $\mathcal{S}_N$  acts irreducibly on  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)^\perp$ . We suggest that an underlying necessity for the existence of an analog of  $\{\mathcal{U}_i\}$  for any reflection group  $W$  is the existence of a  $W$ -orbit in which any two points are orthogonal or antipodal (as in the analysis of the hyperoctahedral group  $B_N$ ). This generally does not hold for the action of  $\mathcal{S}_N$  on  $(1, \dots, 1)^\perp$ . We consider the exceptional case  $N = 4$  and exploit the isomorphism between  $\mathcal{S}_4$  and the group of type  $D_3$ , that is, the subgroup of  $B_3$  whose simple roots are  $(1, -1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, -1)$ ,  $(0, 1, 1)$ . We map these root vectors to the simple roots  $(0, 1, -1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1, -1)$ ,  $(1, -1, 0, 0)$  of  $\mathcal{S}_4$ , in the same order. This leads to the linear isometry

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2 - x_3 - x_4), \\ y_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4), \\ y_3 &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + x_4), \\ y_0 &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Consider the group  $D_3$  acting on  $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  and use the type- $B_3$  Dunkl operators with the parameter  $\kappa' = 0$  (associated with the class of sign-changes  $y_i \mapsto -y_i$  which are not in  $D_3$ ). Let  $\sigma_{ij}$ ,  $\tau_{ij}$  denote the reflections in  $y_i - y_j = 0$ ,  $y_i + y_j = 0$  respectively. Then for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_i^B f(y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} f(y) + \kappa \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^3 \left( \frac{f(y) - f(y\sigma_{ij})}{y_i - y_j} + \frac{f(y) - f(y\tau_{ij})}{y_i + y_j} \right), \\ \mathcal{U}_i^B f(y) &= \mathcal{D}_i^B(y_i f(y)) - \kappa \sum_{1 \leq j < i} (\sigma_{ij} + \tau_{ij}) f(y). \end{aligned}$$

The operators  $\{\mathcal{U}_i^B\}$  commute pairwise and are self-adjoint for the usual inner product. The simultaneous eigenvectors are expressed in terms of nonsymmetric Jack polynomials with argument  $(y_1^2, y_2^2, y_3^2)$ . In the sequel we consider polynomials with arguments  $x$  or  $y$  with the convention that  $y$  is given in terms of  $x$  by equation (1).

## 2 Nonsymmetric Jack polynomials

*Nonsymmetric Jack polynomials* (NSJP) are the simultaneous eigenfunctions of  $\{\mathcal{U}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ . We consider the formulae for arbitrary  $N$  since there is really no simplification for  $N = 3$ .

**Definition 1.** For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ , let  $\alpha^+$  denote the unique partition such that  $\alpha^+ = w\alpha$  for some  $w \in S_N$ . For  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  the partial order  $\alpha \succ \beta$  ( $\alpha$  dominates  $\beta$ ) means that  $\alpha \neq \beta$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^j \alpha_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^j \beta_i$  for  $1 \leq j \leq N$ ;  $\alpha \triangleright \beta$  means that  $|\alpha| = |\beta|$  and either  $\alpha^+ \succ \beta^+$  or  $\alpha^+ = \beta^+$  and  $\alpha \succ \beta$ .

For example  $(2, 6, 4) \triangleright (5, 4, 3) \triangleright (3, 4, 5)$ . When acting on the monomial basis  $\{x^\alpha : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N, |\alpha| = n\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  the operators  $\mathcal{U}_i$  have on-diagonal coefficients given by the following functions on  $\mathbb{N}_0^N$ .

**Definition 2.** For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  and  $1 \leq i \leq N$  let

$$\begin{aligned} r(\alpha, i) &:= \#\{j : \alpha_j > \alpha_i\} + \#\{j : 1 \leq j \leq i, \alpha_j = \alpha_i\}, \\ \xi_i(\alpha) &:= (N - r(\alpha, i))\kappa + \alpha_i + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly for a fixed  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  the values  $\{r(\alpha, i) : 1 \leq i \leq N\}$  consist of all of  $\{1, \dots, N\}$ ; let  $w$  be the inverse function of  $i \mapsto r(\alpha, i)$  so that  $w \in S_N$ ,  $r(\alpha, w(i)) = i$  and  $\alpha^+ = w\alpha$  (note that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^{N,+}$  if and only if  $r(\alpha, i) = i$  for all  $i$ ). Then

$$\mathcal{U}_i x^\alpha = \xi_i(\alpha) x^\alpha + q_{\alpha, i}(x)$$

where  $q_{\alpha, i}(x)$  is a sum of terms  $\pm \kappa x^\beta$  with  $\alpha \triangleright \beta$ .

**Definition 3.** For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ , let  $\zeta_\alpha$  denote the  $x$ -monic simultaneous eigenfunction (NSJP), that is,  $\mathcal{U}_i \zeta_\alpha = \xi_i(\alpha) \zeta_\alpha$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$  and

$$\zeta_\alpha = x^\alpha + \sum_{\alpha \triangleright \beta} A_{\beta\alpha} x^\beta,$$

with coefficients  $A_{\beta\alpha} \in \mathbb{Q}(\kappa)$ , rational functions of  $\kappa$ .

There are norm formulae for the pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\kappa$ . Suppose  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$  and  $\ell(\alpha) = m$ ; the *Ferrers diagram* of  $\alpha$  is the set  $\{(i, j) : 1 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq \alpha_i\}$ . For each node  $(i, j)$  with  $1 \leq j \leq \alpha_i$  there are two special subsets of the Ferrers diagram, the *arm*  $\{(i, l) : j < l \leq \alpha_i\}$  and the *leg*  $\{(l, j) : l > i, j \leq \alpha_l \leq \alpha_i\} \cup \{(l, j-1) : l < i, j-1 \leq \alpha_l < \alpha_i\}$ . The node itself, the arm and the leg make up the *hook*. (For the case of partitions the nodes  $(i, 0)$  are customarily omitted from the Ferrers diagram.) The cardinality of the leg is called the leg-length, formalized by the following:

**Definition 4.** For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq \ell(\alpha)$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \alpha_i$  the leg-length is

$$L(\alpha; i, j) := \#\{l : l > i, j \leq \alpha_l \leq \alpha_i\} + \#\{l : l < i, j \leq \alpha_l + 1 \leq \alpha_i\}.$$

For  $t \in \mathbb{Q}(\kappa)$  the *hook-length* and the hook-length product for  $\alpha$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} h(\alpha, t; i, j) &:= (\alpha_i - j + t + \kappa L(\alpha; i, j)), \\ h(\alpha, t) &:= \prod_{i=1}^{\ell(\alpha)} \prod_{j=1}^{\alpha_i} h(\alpha, t; i, j), \end{aligned}$$

and for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^{N,+}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{Q}(\kappa)$  the generalized Pochhammer symbol is

$$(t)_\lambda := \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=0}^{\lambda_i-1} (t - (i-1)\kappa + j).$$

(The product over  $j$  is an ordinary Pochhammer symbol.)

**Proposition 1.** *For  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ , the following orthogonality and norm formula holds:*

$$\langle \zeta_\alpha, \zeta_\beta \rangle_\kappa = \delta_{\alpha\beta} (N\kappa + 1)_{\alpha^+} \frac{h(\alpha, 1)}{h(\alpha, \kappa + 1)}.$$

Details can be found in the book by Xu and the author [2, Chapter 8], the concept of leg-length and its use in the norm formula is due to Knop and Sahi [3]. The (symmetric) Jack polynomial with leading term  $x^\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^{N,+}$  is obtained by symmetrizing  $\zeta_\lambda$ . The coefficients involve, for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ ,  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon(\alpha) := \prod_{i < j, \alpha_i < \alpha_j} \left( 1 + \frac{\varepsilon \kappa}{(r(\alpha, i) - r(\alpha, j)) \kappa + \alpha_j - \alpha_i} \right),$$

in fact, [1, Lemma 3.10],

$$\begin{aligned} h(\alpha, \kappa + 1) &= \mathcal{E}_1(\alpha) h(\alpha^+, \kappa + 1), \\ h(\alpha^+, 1) &= h(\alpha, 1) \mathcal{E}_{-1}(\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} j_\lambda &= \sum_{\alpha^+ = \lambda} \mathcal{E}_{-1}(\alpha) \zeta_\alpha, \\ \langle j_\lambda, j_\lambda \rangle_\kappa &= \# \{ \alpha : \alpha^+ = \lambda \} \frac{(N\kappa + 1)_\lambda h(\lambda, 1)}{\mathcal{E}_1(\lambda^R) h(\lambda, \kappa + 1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_i^R = \lambda_{N+1-i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$  (the reverse of  $\lambda$ ). Note  $\{ \alpha : \alpha^+ = \lambda \} = \{ w\lambda : w \in \mathcal{S}_N \}$ .

### 3 The groups $\mathcal{S}_4$ and $D_3$

By using the  $x \leftrightarrow y$  correspondence (equation (1)) we obtain operators which behave well on  $(1, \dots, 1)^\perp$ . Here are the lists of reflections in corresponding order:

$$\begin{aligned} &[\sigma_{12}, \tau_{12}, \sigma_{13}, \tau_{13}, \sigma_{23}, \tau_{23}], \\ &[(23), (14), (24), (13), (34), (12)]. \end{aligned}$$

The following orthonormal basis is used in the directional derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= \frac{1}{2} (1, 1, 1, 1), \\ v_1 &= \frac{1}{2} (1, 1, -1, -1), \\ v_2 &= \frac{1}{2} (1, -1, 1, -1), \\ v_3 &= \frac{1}{2} (1, -1, -1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $y_i = \langle x, v_i \rangle$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} = \sum_{j=1}^4 (v_i)_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ . Note that  $\{\pm v_1, \pm v_2, \pm v_3\}$  is an octahedron and an  $\mathcal{S}_4$ -orbit. Then

$$\mathcal{D}_1^B f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^4 (v_1)_j \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_j} + \kappa \left( \frac{1 - (23)}{x_2 - x_3} + \frac{1 - (14)}{x_1 - x_4} + \frac{1 - (24)}{x_2 - x_4} + \frac{1 - (13)}{x_1 - x_3} \right) f(x),$$

and similar expressions hold for  $\mathcal{D}_2^B, \mathcal{D}_3^B$ . Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_1^B f(x) &= \mathcal{D}_1^B(\langle v_1, x \rangle f(x)), \\ \mathcal{U}_2^B f(x) &= \mathcal{D}_2^B(\langle v_2, x \rangle f(x)) - \kappa((14) + (23)) f(x), \\ \mathcal{U}_3^B f(x) &= \mathcal{D}_3^B(\langle v_3, x \rangle f(x)) - \kappa((12) + (13) + (24) + (34)) f(x).\end{aligned}$$

For a subset  $E \subset \{1, 2, 3\}$  let  $y_E = \prod_{i \in E} y_i$ , also let  $E_0 = \emptyset$  and  $E_k = \{1, \dots, k\}$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3$ . The simultaneous eigenfunctions are of the form  $y_E f(y^2)$  where  $y^2 := (y_1^2, y_2^2, y_3^2)$  and when  $E = E_k$  with  $0 \leq k \leq 3$  they are directly expressed as NSJP's (for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ). The following is the specialization to  $\kappa' = 0$  of the type- $B$  result from [2, Corollary 9.3.3, p. 342].

**Proposition 2.** *Suppose  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , then for  $1 \leq i \leq k$*

$$\mathcal{U}_i^B y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2) = 2\xi_i(\alpha) y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2),$$

and for  $k < i \leq 3$

$$\mathcal{U}_i^B y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2) = (2\xi_i(\alpha) - 1) y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2).$$

The polynomial  $y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2)$  is labeled by  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$  where  $\beta_i = 2\alpha_i + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $\beta_i = 2\alpha_i$  for  $k < i \leq 3$ . The difference  $\beta - \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$  and appears in the norm formula (the result for the pairing  $(f, g) \mapsto f(\mathcal{D}_1^B, \mathcal{D}_2^B, \mathcal{D}_3^B) g(y)|_{y=0}$  applies because of the isomorphism).

**Proposition 3.** *Suppose  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$  and  $\beta_i$  is odd for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and is even otherwise, then for  $\alpha_i = \lfloor \frac{\beta_i}{2} \rfloor, 1 \leq i \leq 3$*

$$\langle y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2), y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2) \rangle_\kappa = 2^{|\beta|} (3\kappa + 1)_{\alpha+} \left( 2\kappa + \frac{1}{2} \right)_{(\beta-\alpha)+} \frac{h(\alpha, 1)}{h(\alpha, \kappa + 1)}.$$

(The formulae in [2, Chapter 9] are given for the  $p$ -monic polynomials, here we use the  $x$ -monic type, see [2, pp. 323–324]). There is an evaluation formula for  $\zeta_\alpha(1, 1, 1)$  which provides the value at  $x = (2, 0, 0, 0)$ , corresponding to  $y = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ . Indeed for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$  (see [2, p. 324])

$$\zeta_\alpha(1, 1, 1) = \frac{(3\kappa + 1)_{\alpha+}}{h(\alpha, \kappa + 1)}.$$

For any point  $(\pm 2, 0, 0, 0) w$  with  $w \in \mathcal{S}_4$  the corresponding  $y$  satisfies  $y_i = \pm 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , so that  $y^2 = (1, 1, 1)$ . For any other subset  $E \subset \{1, 2, 3\}$  with  $\#E = k$  let  $w \in \mathcal{S}_3$  be such that  $w(i) \in E$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$  or  $k < i < j \leq 3$  implies  $w(i) < w(j)$  (that is,  $w$  preserves order on  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  and on  $\{k+1, \dots, 3\}$ ). Here is the list of sets with corresponding permutations  $(w(i))_{i=1}^3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}E = \{2\}, & \quad w = (2, 1, 3), \\ E = \{3\}, & \quad w = (3, 1, 2), \\ E = \{1, 3\}, & \quad w = (1, 3, 2), \\ E = \{2, 3\}, & \quad w = (2, 3, 1).\end{aligned}$$

Then (letting  $w$  act on  $y$ )  $w y_{E_k} = y_E$  and for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$  the polynomial  $w(y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2))$  is a simultaneous eigenfunction and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_{w(i)}^B w y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2) &= 2\xi_i(\alpha) w y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2), \quad 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ \mathcal{U}_{w(i)}^B w y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2) &= (2\xi_i(\alpha) - 1) w y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2), \quad k < i \leq 3.\end{aligned}$$

Define  $\beta$  as before ( $\beta_i = 2\alpha_i + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $\beta_i = 2\alpha_i$  for  $k < i \leq 3$ ) then the label for the polynomial  $wy_{E_k}\zeta_\alpha(y^2)$  is  $w\beta$  (recall  $(w\beta)_i = \beta_{w^{-1}(i)}$ ). Denote

$$p_{w\beta}(y) := wy_{E_k}\zeta_\alpha(y^2).$$

This defines a polynomial  $p_\gamma$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$ . The norm of  $wy_{E_k}\zeta_\alpha(y^2)$  is the same as that of  $y_{E_k}\zeta_\alpha(y^2)$  since any  $w \in \mathcal{S}_3$  acts as an isometry for  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\kappa$ . Suppose  $E, E' \subset \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $E \neq E'$  and  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}^{(3)}$  then  $\langle y_E f(y^2), y_{E'} g(y^2) \rangle_\kappa = 0$ . The root system  $D_3$  is an orbit of the subgroup of diagonal elements of  $B_3$  (isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ ). Denote the sign change  $y_i \mapsto -y_i$  by  $\sigma_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . From the  $B_3$  results we have  $\sigma_i \mathcal{D}_j^B = \mathcal{D}_j^B \sigma_i$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$  and this implies  $\langle y_E f(y^2), y_{E'} g(y^2) \rangle_\kappa = \langle \sigma_i y_E f(y^2), \sigma_i y_{E'} g(y^2) \rangle_\kappa = -\langle y_E f(y^2), y_{E'} g(y^2) \rangle_\kappa$  for any  $i \in (E \setminus E') \cup (E' \setminus E)$  (the symmetric difference). Thus  $\{p_\gamma : \gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^3\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\kappa$ .

We consider the  $\mathcal{S}_4$ -invariant polynomials: they are generated by  $y_0, \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i^2, y_1 y_2 y_3, \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i^4$ . Any invariant is a sum of terms of the form  $y_0^n (y_1 y_2 y_3)^s f(y^2)$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0, s = 0$  or  $1$ , and  $f$  is a symmetric polynomial in three variables. For now consider only polynomials in  $\{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^{3,+}$ , then there are two corresponding simultaneous eigenfunctions of  $\sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathcal{U}_i^B)^n$  (it suffices to take  $n = 1, 2, 3$  to generate the commutative algebra of  $\mathcal{S}_4$ -invariant operators). From [2, Theorem 8.5.10] let

$$\begin{aligned} A_\lambda &= \# \{ \alpha : \alpha^+ = \lambda \} \frac{(3\kappa + 1)_\lambda h(\lambda, 1)}{\mathcal{E}_1(\lambda^R) h(\lambda, \kappa + 1)}, \\ F_\lambda^0(x) &= j_\lambda(y^2), \\ \langle F_\lambda^0, F_\lambda^0 \rangle_\kappa &= 2^{2|\lambda|} \left( 2\kappa + \frac{1}{2} \right)_\lambda A_\lambda, \\ F_\lambda^1(x) &= y_1 y_2 y_3 j_\lambda(y^2), \\ \langle F_\lambda^1, F_\lambda^1 \rangle_\kappa &= 2^{2|\lambda|} \left( 2\kappa + \frac{1}{2} \right)_{(\lambda_1+1, \lambda_2+1, \lambda_3+1)} A_\lambda. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The polynomials  $\{F_\lambda^0, F_\lambda^1 : \lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^{3,+}\}$  are pairwise orthogonal.

Up to now we have mostly ignored the fourth dimension, namely, the coordinate  $y_0$ . The reflection  $\sigma_0$  along  $v_0$  (given by  $x\sigma_0 = x - \left(\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i\right)v_0$ ) commutes with the  $\mathcal{S}_4$ -action. We introduce another parameter  $\kappa'$  and let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_0 f(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) + \frac{\kappa'}{\langle x, v_0 \rangle} (f(x) - f(x\sigma_0)), \\ \mathcal{D}'_i f(x) &= \mathcal{D}_i f(x) + \frac{\kappa'}{2\langle x, v_0 \rangle} (f(x) - f(x\sigma_0)). \end{aligned}$$

The operators  $\{\mathcal{D}'_i : 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$  are the Dunkl operators for the group  $W = \mathcal{S}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  (the reflection group generated by  $\{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), \sigma_0\}$ ). Then  $\mathcal{D}_0 y_0^{2n} = 2n y_0^{2n-1}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_0 y_0^{2n+1} = (2n + 1 + 2\kappa') y_0^{2n}$ . We define the extended pairing for polynomials

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'} = f(\mathcal{D}'_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}'_4) g(x) |_{x=0};$$

in terms of  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle f_0(y_0) f_1(y_1, y_2, y_3), g_0(y_0) g_1(y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'} \\ &= f_0(\mathcal{D}_0) g_0(y_0) |_{y_0=0} \times f_1(\mathcal{D}_1^B, \dots) g_1(y_1, y_2, y_3) |_{y=0} \\ &= f_0(\mathcal{D}_0) g_0(y_0) |_{y_0=0} \times \langle f_1, g_1 \rangle_\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

It is easily shown by induction that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y_0^{2n}, y_0^{2n} \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'} &= 2^{2n} n! \left( \kappa' + \frac{1}{2} \right)_n, \\ \langle y_0^{2n+1}, y_0^{2n+1} \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'} &= 2^{2n+1} n! \left( \kappa' + \frac{1}{2} \right)_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The direct product structure implies that  $\{p_{(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3)}(y) y_0^{\gamma_4} : \gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^4\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'}$ .

## 4 Hermite polynomials

The pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'}$  is related to a measure on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ : let  $\kappa, \kappa' \geq 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} dm(x) &:= (2\pi)^{-2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} |x|^2\right) dx, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^4, \\ h(x) &:= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} |x_i - x_j|^\kappa |y_0|^{\kappa'}, \\ c_{\kappa, \kappa'}^{-1} &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} h(x)^2 dm(x), \\ d\mu_{\kappa, \kappa'}(x) &:= c_{\kappa, \kappa'} h(x)^2 dm(x). \end{aligned}$$

In fact

$$c_{\kappa, \kappa'}^{-1} = 2^{\kappa'} \frac{\Gamma(\kappa' + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(2\kappa + 1) \Gamma(3\kappa + 1) \Gamma(4\kappa + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\kappa + 1)^3}.$$

The integral is a special case of the general formula (any suitably integrable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} (2\pi)^{-N/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} |x_i - x_j|^{2\kappa} f\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i\right) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} |x|^2\right) dx \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t\sqrt{N}) e^{-t^2/2} dt \cdot \prod_{j=2}^N \frac{\Gamma(j\kappa + 1)}{\Gamma(\kappa + 1)}; \end{aligned}$$

this follows from the Macdonald–Mehta–Selberg integral for  $\mathcal{S}_N$  and the use of an orthogonal coordinate system for  $\mathbb{R}^N$  in which  $\sum_{i=1}^N x_i / \sqrt{N}$  is one of the coordinates. The Laplacian is  $\Delta_h := \sum_{i=1}^4 (\mathcal{D}_i')^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathcal{D}_i^B)^2 + \mathcal{D}_0^2$ . Also set  $\Delta_B := \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathcal{D}_i^B)^2$ . Then for  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}$  [2, Theorem 5.2.7]

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\kappa, \kappa'} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \left( e^{-\Delta_h/2} f(x) \right) \left( e^{-\Delta_h/2} g(x) \right) d\mu_{\kappa, \kappa'}(x).$$

The orthogonal basis elements  $p_\gamma(y) y_0^n$  ( $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^3, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ) are transformed to orthogonal polynomials in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^4, \mu_{\kappa, \kappa'})$  under the action of  $e^{-\Delta_h/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \Delta_h^n$  (only finitely many terms are nonzero when acting on a polynomial). We have

$$e^{-\Delta_h/2} (p_\gamma(y) y_0^n) = \left( e^{-\Delta_B/2} p_\gamma(y) \right) \left( e^{-\mathcal{D}_0^2/2} y_0^n \right).$$

Then for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$e^{-\mathcal{D}_0^2/2} y_0^{2n} = (-2)^n n! L_n^{\kappa' - \frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{y_0^2}{2} \right),$$

$$e^{-\mathcal{D}_0^2/2} y_0^{2n+1} = (-2)^n n! y_0 L_n^{\kappa' + \frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{y_0^2}{2} \right).$$

Recall the Laguerre polynomials  $\{L_n^a(t) : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  are the orthogonal polynomials for the measure  $t^a e^{-t} dt$  on  $\{t : t \geq 0\}$  with  $a > -1$ , and

$$L_n^a(t) = \frac{(a+1)_n}{n!} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-n)_i}{(a+1)_i} \frac{t^i}{i!}.$$

The result of applying  $e^{-\Delta_B/2}$  to a polynomial  $x_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2)$  is a complicated expression involving some generalized binomial coefficients (see [2, Proposition 9.4.5]). For the symmetric cases  $j_\lambda(y^2)$  and  $y_1 y_2 y_3 j_\lambda(y^2)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^{3,+}$  these coefficients were investigated by Lassalle [4] and Okounkov and Olshanski [5, equation (3.2)]; in the latter paper there is an explicit formula.

Finally we can use our orthogonal basis to analyze a modification of the type- $A$  quantum Calogero–Sutherland model with four particles on a line and harmonic confinement. By rescaling, the Hamiltonian (with exchange terms) can be written as:

$$\mathcal{H} = -\Delta + \frac{|x|^2}{4} + 2\kappa \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \frac{\kappa - (i, j)}{(x_i - x_j)^2} + \frac{4\kappa'(\kappa' - \sigma_0)}{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4)^2}.$$

When this is applied to a  $W$ -invariant the reflections  $(i, j)$  and  $\sigma_0$  are replaced by the scalar 1. We combine the type- $B$  results from [2, Section 9.6.5] (setting  $\kappa' = 0$  in the formulae) with simple  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  calculations. The nonnormalized base state is

$$\psi_0(x) := \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} |x_i - x_j|^\kappa |y_0|^{\kappa'} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}|x|^2\right).$$

Then

$$\psi_0^{-1} \mathcal{H} \psi_0 = -\Delta_B - \mathcal{D}_0^2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} + 6\kappa + \kappa' + 2.$$

This operator has polynomial eigenfunctions and the eigenvalues are the energy levels of the associated states. From [2, Section 9.6.5] we have

$$e^{-\Delta_B/2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{U}_i^B e^{\Delta_B/2} = -\Delta_B + \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} + 6\kappa + 3,$$

and by direct calculations

$$\mathcal{D}_0^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_0^2} + \frac{2\kappa'}{y_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_0} - \kappa' \frac{1 - \sigma_0}{y_0^2},$$

$$e^{-\mathcal{D}_0^2/2} (\mathcal{D}_0 y_0 - \kappa' \sigma_0) e^{\mathcal{D}_0^2/2} = -\mathcal{D}_0^2 + y_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_0} + \kappa' + 1.$$

Combine these results:

$$\psi_0^{-1} \mathcal{H} \psi_0 = e^{-\Delta_h/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{U}_i^B + \mathcal{D}_0 y_0 - \kappa' \sigma_0 - 2 \right) e^{\Delta_h/2}.$$



Thus  $(e^{-\Delta_h/2} (p_\gamma(y) y_0^n)) \psi_0$  is an eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{H}$  for each  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^3$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . It suffices to consider  $y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2) y_0^n$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{D}_0 y_0 - \kappa' \sigma_0) y_0^{2n} &= ((2n+1+2\kappa') - \kappa') y_0^{2n}, \\ (\mathcal{D}_0 y_0 - \kappa' \sigma_0) y_0^{2n+1} &= ((2n+2) + \kappa') y_0^{2n}, \\ (\mathcal{D}_0 y_0 - \kappa' \sigma_0) y_0^n &= (n+1+\kappa') y_0^n. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{U}_i^B (y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2)) = \left(2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \xi_i(\alpha) - (3-k)\right) y_{E_k} \zeta_\alpha(y^2)$ ; the eigenvalue is  $(2|\alpha|+k) + 6\kappa + 3 = |\beta| + 6\kappa + 3$  (where  $\beta_i = 2\alpha_i + 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $\beta_i = 2\alpha_i$  for  $k < i \leq 3$ ). The energy level for  $(e^{-\Delta_h/2} (p_\beta(y) y_0^n)) \psi_0$  is  $|\beta| + n + 6\kappa + \kappa' + 2$ . Observe the degeneracy of the energy levels; only the total degree  $|\beta| + n$  appears. The (nonnormalized)  $W$ -invariant eigenfunctions are  $(\lambda \in \mathbb{N}_0^3)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( e^{-\Delta_B/2} (j_\lambda(y^2)) L_n^{\kappa'-1/2} \left( \frac{y_0^2}{2} \right) \right) \psi_0(x), \\ &\left( e^{-\Delta_B/2} (y_1 y_2 y_3 j_\lambda(y^2)) L_n^{\kappa'-1/2} \left( \frac{y_0^2}{2} \right) \right) \psi_0(x). \end{aligned}$$

The  $L^2$ -norms can be found by using equation (2).

In conclusion, we have found an unusual basis for polynomials which allowed an extra parameter in the action of  $\mathcal{S}_4$  on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . This exploited the fact that  $v_0^\perp$  has an orthogonal basis which together with its antipodes forms an  $\mathcal{S}_4$ -orbit. The pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\kappa$  has an analog for each reflection group and weight function. We are left with the interesting problem of how to construct orthogonal bases for groups not of type  $A$  or  $B$ .

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